

In the Specification:

(Referring to the line numbers printed in the margin)

Please add a new heading at page 1, above line 1, as follows:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please add a new heading at page 1, above line 4, as follows:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4 to 6, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The invention relates to a circuit arrangement for operating at least one light-emitting diode. diode according to the preamble of patent claim 1.

Please add a new heading at page 1, above line 8, as follows:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 30 to 34, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

A number of circuit arrangements [[is]] are known for operation with a 230-volt a.c. voltage, in which [[the]] each light-emitting diode is respectively supplied [[each]] with the correct phase via a full-wave rectifier circuit [[cp.]] (see DE 23 04 620, JP 08137429, DE 200 02 482 U1, DE 100 54 212 [[A1.]] A1).

Please add a new heading at page 2, above line 1, as follows:

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 1 to 7, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

As, however, in particular for use in automotive supply systems, [[also]] short-circuits cannot be excluded, a circuit arrangement for operating at least one light-emitting diode according to the ~~preamble of patent claim 1~~ ~~general state of the art~~ shall be further developed to enable ~~indicated, which enables~~ the reliable and durable operation of the light-emitting diode also with short-circuits and ~~which can also~~ to be able to be manufactured at low costs.

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 9 to 10, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The object is achieved in accordance with the invention by ~~the features of patent claim 1.~~ as disclosed herein.

Please add a new heading at page 4, above line 4, as follows:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph at page 4, lines 21 to 22, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Fig. 3 shows a general operating principle in case of a ~~short-circuit.~~ short-circuit, and

**Please add a new paragraph at page 4, after line 22, as follows:**

Fig. 4 shows the circuit of Fig. 3 in a subsequent switching cycle.

**Please add a new heading at page 4, above line 24, as follows:**

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AN EXAMPLE EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION**

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